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SUBJECT: USE OF RUSLE2 FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

**Action Required by January 30, 2008**

Purpose. To reinforce the use of current erosion prediction technology for technical assistance.

Expiration Date. September 20, 2008.

Erosion prediction is a key assessment and planning requirement needed to provide quality technical assistance to our clients. It is important for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to use the current approved erosion prediction technology when providing technical assistance. This also applies to other risk assessment technology tools that depend on the erosion prediction analyses to complete their assessments, such as the phosphorus index.

To ensure NRCS is using the current approved erosion prediction technology to provide technical assistance, the following action must be completed by January 30, 2008:

The current version of RUSLE2 (version 1.26.6.4, dated November 13, 2006) must be installed on all CCE workstations that are used to make erosion prediction calculations. This includes CCE workstations owned and used by conservation district employees as well as NRCS workstations. All CCE workstations where the latest version of RUSLE2 will not be installed because it is either not needed or required will have the outdated version removed. Once the new version of the program has been installed by IT, the RUSLE2 shared field office moses database (located on the shared drive) must be updated. Instructions for doing both of these things are in PDF documents on the Minnesota NRCS web site.

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